

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2009-198-E - ORDER NO. 2009-493  
JULY 17, 2009

IN RE: Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.,	)	ORDER APPOINTING
	)	HEARING OFFICER
Complainant/Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Defendant/Respondent.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.’s (“Palmetto Electric”) Motion to appoint a hearing officer in the present docket regarding the complaint filed against South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2008).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

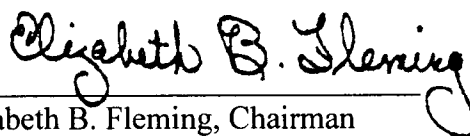
We find that Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, Chief Clerk/Administrator, meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant the Motion appointing him as hearing officer in this case. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Terreni to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

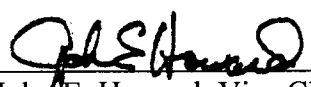
1. Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2009-198-E regarding the complaint of Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. against South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)